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Application No.: UNASSIGNED (Corresponds to PCT/FR00/01651))) Examiner: Unassigned)
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For: CERIUM AND/OR LANTHANUM PHOSPHATE SOL, A PROCESS FOR ITS PREPARATION AND USE FOR POLISHING	fapot or tale (pou)
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT	
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Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A sol, comprising:

an aqueous phase;

particles of a phosphate of at least one rare earth selected from the group consisting of cerium and lanthanum;

an acid other than phosphoric acid, the cerium and lanthanum salts of which are soluble in water.